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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111, 1.115 AND  
1.119 IN RESPONSE TO THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2007 OFFICE ACTION**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the September 18, 2007 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 18, 2007 Office Action is due on December 18, 2007. The September 18, 2007 Office Action was made Final. Applicant hereby submits a first response to the September 18, 2007 Office Action, which because November 18, 2007 was a Sunday, is within two months of the mailing date of the final action.

In complete response to the September 18, 2007 Office Action, please amend the above-cited application as follows: